# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CULTURE
# LOK SABHA

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PRESERVATION OF SUN TEMPLE
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) the amount spent on preservation of Sun Temple at Konark during each of the last three years; and

(b) the steps taken for proper preservation of monuments in Orissa particularly Sun Temple ?

## Answer

MINISTER FOR INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) Amount spent on preservation of Sun Temple Konark during each of the last three years is:-

| Year | Expenditure (Rs. in Lakhs) |
|---|---|
| 2001-2002 | 50.13 |
| 2002-2003 | 41.44 |
| 2003-2004 | 65.22 |

(b) Archaeological Survey of India is taking proper care for preservation of all protected monuments in Orissa. During the last three years, the amount spent for the conservation of the monuments in Orissa are as below:-

| Year | Expenditure (Rs. in Lakhs) |
|---|---|
| 2001-2002 | 129.60 |
| 2002-2003 | 102.00 |
| 2003-2004 | 190.00 |

The restoration work on the south side and north-west corner of the plinth (Adhisthan ) of Jagmohan of the Konark temple has been carried by way of refixing architectural stone members. The loose stones have been refixed by pinning and grouting the surrounding areas. Besides, the Central Building Research Institute, Roorkee, has carried out soil investigation, geo-radar studies and Core Sampling which would enable the ASI to plan and undertake long term conservation works.

Other scientific conservation measures being undertaken at the Sun temple Konark include removal of soluble salts, surface consolidation and protection of the stone surface.